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### 5. SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Payment will be made for non-routine nursing facility services identified in an individual treatment plan prepared by the State MR Authority. Services are limited to individuals approved for NF and specialized services as the result of a PASSR/MR Level II screen. The per diem addon is calculated as the difference in the statewide standard private MR base rate described on Attachment 4.19-D page 38 and the statewide NF facility base rate in Section 3 E above. If the Standard private MR Base rate falls below or equals the base rate for regular nursing facilities the payment will not be adjusted for specialized services.

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All of the costs of compliance appear in provider cost reports used to develop rates. Therefore, no further adjustment or add-on is required.

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Beginning January 1, 2004 the rates will be adjusted annually on January 1, in an amount equal to the estimated savings or loss to the program as a result of the automatic cost of living adjustment on Social Security benefits as published in the Federal Register and the resulting effect to the spenddown required of the recipients. The rate adjustment will be determined as follows: the most recent calendar year (CY) total spenddown for Medicaid clients determined from MMIS (Medicaid Management Information System) will be adjusted to the rate period (CY) by the Social Security Cost of Living Increases as published in the Federal Register. The resulting spenddown estimate will be divided by the most recent available SFY total Medicaid days to determine the rate adjustment.

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A settlement will be made based on the variance in the amount of enhanced payments and the amount expended for wages and benefits paid for the specified staff. The settlement will be capped at \$3.15 per day. Facility-specific target rates were determined for each provider. Fiscal year 1995 costs were used to set the rates. The target rates were calculated as follows:

- 1. The reported salaries and wages for the specified staff were summed for each facility (specified staff salaries).
- 2. An employee benefits ratio was determined by dividing total facility benefits by total facility salaries and wages.
- 3. Total specified staff salaries were multiplied by the employee benefits ratio calculated in 2 above, to determine allowable employee benefits.
- Specified staff salaries and allowable employee benefits were summed and divided by total facility patient days to arrive at the base year allowable cost per diem.
- 5. The base year allowable cost per diem for each facility was trended forward by factors of 2.9 percent and 3.1 percent.
- 6. An adjustment of \$3.15 per day was added to the trended base year costs to arrive at the target rate for each facility.
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